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LIMDIS - FOR AMB STEARNS FROM AF/W

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, IC

SUBJECT: ISC/SODESUCRE DISPUTE

REFS: (A) ABIDJAN 3652, (B) STATE 76132

1. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISER (L/AF) REGARDING YOUR RESPONSE TO THE LETTER FROM FULLER, ATTORNEY FOR GULFSTREAM CORPORATION. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT YOU REPLY AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. DEAR MR. FULLER: I AM REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 10 TO AMBASSADOR SMITH. AMBASSADOR SMITH WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE IVORY COAST TO WASHINGTON IN AUGUST. BECAUSE YOUR LETTER APPEARED TO BE A PERSONAL MESSAGE, IT WAS FORWARDED UNOPENED TO HIM AND HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEEN TELEGRAPHED TO ME FOR REPLY.

IN ANSWER TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT A DISPUTE BETWEEN ISC AND THE IVORIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING  
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VARIOUS FEATURES OF THE SUGAR REFINERY PROJECT IS BEING MEDIATED BY DAVID MORSE OF SURREY, KARASIK AND MORSE. I DO NOT KNOW THE STATUS OF THIS MEDIATION. I AM UNAWARE OF ANY LAW SUITS AGAINST EITHER PARTY.

IN ANSWER TO YOUR SECOND QUESTION, THE EMBASSY WAS GENERALLY AWARE OF LANG AFRIQUE'S PART IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF

THE REFINERY. THE EMBASSY'S ROLE WAS AN INDIRECT AND SUPPORTING ONE, OF THE KIND THAT US EMBASSIES NORMALLY PROVIDE TO AMERICAN FIRMS IN ANY COUNTRY.

I SUGGEST THAT, IF YOU WISH FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU WRITE TO ME IN CARE OF THE OFFICE OF WEST AFRICAN AFFAIRS, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520. SINCERELY, ETC. UNQUOTE.

2. WE BELIEVE ABOVE REPLY IS RESPONSIVE TO INQUIRY. IF GULFSTREAM'S LAWYERS WANT SOMETHING MORE SPECIFIC, NO DOUBT THEY WILL ASK. SUGGEST YOU CHECK ANY REPLIES TO FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEPARTMENT.  
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